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Darshan Singh Vohra

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Darshan Singh Vohra was an Indian Army officer,^[1] an engineer, one of the pioneers of [prosthetics](#) in Asia and the founder of the first prosthetic centre in Asia, *Artificial Limb Centre*, [Pune](#)^[2] and *Nevedac Prosthetic Centre*, another prosthetic facility in [Chandigarh](#).^[3] After obtaining advanced training in prosthetics from Germany and England, he joined the [Indian Army](#) and was holding the rank of a colonel at the time of his [superannuation](#).^[4] He founded the first prosthetic centre in Asia, *Artificial Limb Centre*, immediately after [World War II](#), in 1944, at Pune, for the rehabilitation of soldiers who lost their limbs in war and the facility has grown to become a 190 bedded healthcare centre, working attached to the [Armed Forces Medical College](#), Pune.^[2]

After retiring from the Army, the [Government of Punjab](#) invited him to set up a similar centre in Punjab and he established *Nevedac Prosthetic Centre*, in the village of [Zirakpur](#) in the state in 1972.^[4] He served as an honorary adviser to the [Government of Punjab](#), [Government of Haryana](#) and Chandigarh Administration and was a consultant to the National Industrial Corporation Limited, New Delhi for the setting up of the *Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation* at [Kanpur](#).^[3] Holder of a doctoral degree in Therapeutic Philosophy from [The World University](#), Arizona, he was a fellow of the British Institute of Surgical Technologists, Artificial Limb Fitters, Great Britain and the Orthotics - Prosthetics Society of India and was a member of the Orthopaedic Works, West Germany and the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, Copenhagen (ISPO).^[3] He also served as the president of the Orthotic - Prosthetic Society of India, from 1987 to 1991.^[3] The [Government of India](#) awarded him the fourth highest civilian honour of [Padma Shri](#) in 1988.^[5]

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